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Subject: RE: Brief Discussion with USDA re Hawaii Complaint

We agree with the course laid out by Lilian and appreciate you all keeping us in the loop.

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I think that approach is fine. I will check calendars to see what times are currently available for our group.

I am adding Richard on this email chain.

From: Dorka, Lilian
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Thanks Brittany! I want to make sure that we include GC in this convo so copying Julia. (Who has been assigned to this case from GC? Was it Mary? I could not remember.) and also Amy who is part of the case team.

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Thoughts on this suggested process?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2016, at 1:20 PM, Martinez, Brittany <Martinez.Brittany@epa.gov> wrote:

This morning, Kurt and I were able to speak with Tysan Williams who is the Team Lead in USDA's complaint intake unit. During the conversation we briefly discussed EPA's jurisdictional review status and the likelihood that we would be accepting the complaint against the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (DOA). (Note that I am currently working with Region 9 to determine whether the second entity "Agribusiness Development Corporation" is an EPA recipient because it is not under the umbrella of DOA as initially thought).

It appears that USDA is still going through its jurisdictional phase and they will likely not be able to participate in a call with their investigation team and our larger group prior to November 7th, because Carl-Martin Ruiz will be out of the office . I think that is too far away to make the formal determination regarding whether we move forward jointly or separately. Ms. Williams has asked for us to provide her with available dates to schedule the meeting but I wanted to send you this note to give you a heads up and to seek your thoughts.

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